### \$5 to \$7.98 Values in Skirts.

PANAMAS, WORSTEDS, HOMESPUNS and SUITINGS in blacks, grays, plaids and

All lengths, 38 to 44. Waist bands, 22 to 27. Odd skirts from different lots that have been retailing up to \$7.98-a number of Princess styles in the assortment. Your choice to-day for \$3.98.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

State Conference to Be Held in

Norfolk Next Month.

in the programme.

The Methodists, as well as member

of other denominations of Norfolk, have opened their homes and contributed for the success and entertainment of the delegates who may attend, and it is be-

iny church which has no league. Any eague which has not sent in the names

of their delegates should be some to John F. Small, chairman of the Enter-tainment Committee, care Y. M. C. A. Norfolk, Va., in order that entertainmen

Oldest Newspaper Man.

Mr. Leonard Cox, the oldest newspaper ditor in Virginia, is in the city, and is topping at Ford's. Mr. Cox is the editor of the Charlotte

stopping at Ford's.

Mr. Cox is the editor of the Charlotte Gazette, one of the livest weekly papers in the State. He is eighty-five years of age, and has been engaged in the newspaper business, one way and another, since he was fifteen years of age.

Fifteenth Regiment Have Enjoy-

able Reunion at West

TALK IT ALL OVER

GRIZZLED WARRIORS

A slight charge will be made for alterations.

## TRAINING HAND THROUGH MIND

Interesting Finals of Night School of Technology, of Mechanics

HONORS AWARDED

Diplomas of Graduation, Medals and Distinctions Showered on Worthy Young Men.

A deeply interested audience filled the auditorium of the Mechanics' Institute last night at the closing exercises of the mond youth with a mechanical bent were greatly in evidence.

ful and determined smile as they awaited second session of the school. They had put in a good year of hard work, and eminently merited all the happiness that was theirs on this felicitous

occasion.

Mayor McCarthy opened the exercises with an introductory address that was short, and in his characteristic style. In beginning, he paid a high tribute to the institution, which was trying to educate boys in mechanical methods of work, declaring that nothing was so deserving of public support as this effort to interest the mental stock of the youth of we the mental stock of the youth

"After all," said the Mayor, "the greatest power in all this great universe, next to the Almighty Himself, is the human mind, and its cultivation in the right paths of knowledge is the thing that is most commendable. All honor is due to the noble men yho have lived with this end in view, to tench and train the mind. Theirs is the noble task to prepare med to lead their fellowmen, and the Mechanics' Institute particularly educates men to become leaders in the industrial ways of living." After all," said the Mayor, "the great-

Dr. McDaniel's Address.

Mayor McCarthy then introduced Rev. r. G. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First aptist Church, who gave the boys a owerful and practical address, drawn a Edison. Edison himself was charrized as the greatest of the world's
otors, and his inventions, the speakeclared, are the world's greatest wen. Edison is a genius, if beheld from
standpoint that genius is the faculty
hard work, but he falls behind when
criterion is the statement that genius
comething God-given, inborn, which
lates a man to work. Work, hard
r and application, was the great
useful tesson that Dr. McDanlet
we home to all his bearers.

ter the presentation of diplomas to
graduates by Colonel C. P. E. Burn, the Loumar medal was presented
strong and cloquent speech by Dr.
& Callsch. The Chewhing medal was
ented by Mr. William E. Ross, an

Honors and Diplomas.

metic—Class B. Second Division, First
August Schultz. Honorable Mention—
Umnusis,
metic—Class B. Third Division, First
-C. H. Long. Honorable Mention—Perry
Collier. Captain Allen
Lyon; secretary, Captain Arthur L. Lunsden; treasurer, Colonel John Murphy.

All these officers were elected unant-

Algebra-Lucs
Ageomoty-Class A, First Honor,—Oscar P,
Wright Honormble Mention—It. J. Coffman.
Geomotry-Class B, First Honor,—Heath I,
Rawley, Honorable Mention—C, R, Walsh,
Trigonometry-First Honor,—Reg. Shalton,
Descriptive Geometry-Pirst Honor,—John A
Uarlek, Honorable Mention—Hiram L, Walkef.

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## LOCKING DEVICE WORRYING THEN

Supervisors of Henrico Hold Important Meeting and Discuss Matter at Length.

MAY HAVE TO PAY MORE

Contractors Will Not Budge An Inch Unless Color of Money

At the adourned special meeting of the Henrico board of supervisors yester day afternoon, the discussion of the need a more improved locking device than was stated in the contract to build the new county jall was the most important tpocic that occupied the atention of the body,

Dody,
On moion of Mr. Sanders, of Glen Affen,
It was voted that the Stuart jall works
be required to furnish a detailed specification of the locking device they intended to use in the county jail as
covered by their bid of \$22,000; that they
shall not depart in any other respect covered by their bid of \$25,00; that are; shall not depart in any other respect from the specifications made, as apart of the contract of January 22d; the said company making the claim that the specifications calling for locking device therein mentioned was erroneously placed therein, and never contemplated by them under said bid.

Norfolk Next Month.

On Tuesday evening, May, 29th, the sixth State Conference of Virginia Eppworth Leagues will convene in Norfolk, at the Cumberland Street Methodist Church. This Conference will be a very interesting as well as helpful one to all who are interested in the Epworth League or Christian work in our State.

The singing will be one of the features of the Conference, being led by the Rev. Edward Turner Dadmun, of Ashland, Va., which will insure the success of this portion of the programme. There will also be some very strong speakers from the clergy of the Methodist Church in Virginia, as well as some of the lay members, who will take an active part in the programme. under said bid.

It was voted to consider the matter again at a special call meeting some time before the first Tuesday in June. Lock It More Securely.

The question of getting the mort improved device for locking the jail has been an absorbing topic with the board for some time. Early in the year when specifications for the proposed

been an absorbing open the year when the specifications for the proposed jail structure were first submitted by the Stuart Jail Company and others, the whole matter was referred over to the consideration of a special committee, consisting of Judge R. Carter Scott, Commonwealth Attorney L. O. Wendenburg, Sheriff Simon Solomon and Chairman of the Board W. B. Frayser.

The jail construction company submitted two bids to the committee, one including the use of the desired patent locking device above referred to, for \$3,350; and the other, specifying the use of the del lever lock as used in the old jail, and the construction of the jail at a cost of \$19,350. But one of these bids was submitted to the board of supervisors for consideration, and that one was the lower bid, without the patent locking device.

A slight misunderstanding arose over the contract, which was suble to Messrs. Ragland and Slaughter, of this city, about the use of the improved locks, and at a special meeting Tuesday afternoon the local firm was heard on the matter, as was also the jail architect, Mr. oryant. Their argument was strong and a clear one in their favor, and the only outcome of the matter is the question of whether the county is willing to pay more in order to secure the letter locking device, or have the jail crected as in the already chosen plans and specifications. in the already chosen plans and speci-

Myrtle Lodge Mects.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, met last night in Smitt deal Ha with a crowded attendance. The third rank was given in its amplified form to a prominent Episcopal minister of Richmend, Next Thursday the ledge will give a musical entertainment. A com ec has been selected to arrange for semi-annual outing in July.

Water Committee.

# Point. The Fifteenth Virginia Regiment Association celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of the regiment's departure from Richmond for the seat of war with a reunion at West Point vesterday. About a hundred people went down with the party, including sixty veterans, which is about two-thirds of the numbers living, out of twelve hundred that left Richmond forty-five quars ago. The day was agreeably spent by the warriors in recalling thrilling was events, telling anecdotes—many of them on each other—boat rides and games until diener was announced, which was served in Givernater's usual style, consisting of all the delicacies of the season. After dinner an interesting paper from Sergeant-Major James B, Lacy was read on the battle of Drewry's Bluff, incidentally taking in the recall of the regiment from Tennessee to Newborn, N. C., thence to Drewry's Bluff, to take part in that sanguinary engagement, where the regiment was savagely attacked almost before getting into position, and where it lost heavily. After the reading of the paper the election of officers took place, with the following result: President, Lieutenant George P, Haw COURT-HOUSE NOW IN MANTLE OF GREEN

Virginia Creeper Planted Seven Years Ago Has Almost Enveloped Building.

The luxuriant and all-covering bright green creeper which covers the walls of the Henrico county courthouse on three the Henrico county courthouse on three of its vast sides and which is the admiration of sightseem down Main Street, was seven years old yesterday. Seven years ago, Deputy Sheriff J. B. Lyne, of Henrico, placed three tiny Virginia creper plants in the consecrated earth to the west side of the courthouse entrance, and their maturity to-day is a remarkable demonstration of the proof of that old adage that great oaks from little neords grow. This same saw was the All these officers were elected unantmotisty.

The following Executive Committee, consisting of one member from each company in the
regimest, was appointed by President Haw;
Company A, John, A. Parish; Company B,
J, S. Moore, Company C, R. E, Tiller; Comnany D, A. L. Phillips; Company E, Joseph
Thomas; Company P, John Murphy; Company
G, W. A. Polkes; Company H, James B, Lacy;
Company I, R. E, Griffin; Company K, Charles
Euker.

The selection of the place for the next reunion was left with the Executive Committee,
The Fitteenth was the first restiment mustered into service in Virgina for the war,
although originally numbered the Third, and
subsequently the Pifteenth, because of the confucien accasioned by having regimental numbers implicated. acords grow. This same saw was the text of a fine didactic dissertation on the moral meaning of the creeper by Sheriff Lyne to a small audience yesterday af-

Lyne to a small audience yesterday arternoon,
The three sprouts were taken up by
their tiny roots at the National Cemetery at Seven Pines by Clerk Samuel P.
Waddill, and were given over to Mr.
Lyne for planting. The stocks of the
trio, the scions of which cover so many
red bricks may be seen about two varis Assigned to Richard C. McDonald Is has been delegated by the War Departing the street of the street red bricks, may be seen about two yards apart along the front of the building. From these the close clinging creper has spread in all directions, until in its clasp at the present time are practically all of three sides of the courthouse. Vive la creeper!

terested in this article.

VIRGINIA BUILDING AT JAMESTOWN.

selected by the State commissioners as the Virginia headquarters at the James

town Exposition. architects, of Norfolk, and was select from many that were offered Govern Swanson, alding the commission in

CITY UNABLE TO

COPE WITH FIRES

Mr. John P. Branch, Holding This

View, Writes Letter to

Mayor McCarthy.

BOND

Says Improvements Should Be

Made Promptly, Even if Money

Had to Be Borrowed.

Mr. John P. Branch sent the appended

letter to Mayor McCarthy yesterday,

suggesting the need of improved fire-

Hon. Carlton McCarthy, Mayor of the

My dear Sir .- I have long been of the

opinion that Richmond's 'fire-fighting fa-

cilities were inadequate and am strength-

ened in this view by the report of the

committee of the National Board of Fire

Underwriters on the city of Richmond. I enclose you a copy of same.

1 am in favor of improving our water

I am in favor of improving our water facilities and the distributive water system of the city, so as to create and maintain an ample flow for all purposos, abnormal as well as normal;

Of putting our Fire Department on a full paid basis, to insure intelligent work, and raising the standard of the fire apparatus and equipment to a high state of efficiency, and maintaining same by regular examinations and tests, to be made at periods not longer apart than six months. Records of these tests should be kept for comparison, in order that the improvements may be intelligently considered and worked out.

In am informed that cach fire engine should develop a pumping capacity of 500 gallons per minute. If an engine does not upon test reach this limit, it should either be repaired, so as to give this result, or replaced by one which will do so.

Abreast of Other Cities.

Abreast of Other Cities,

Apreast of Other Critical Aprentic Proper steps are taken under the recommendations in this report. I am convinced Richmond will be placed upon a footing abrenst of the best equipped cities in This country for protection against

cities in This country for protection against fire.

If these changes and improvements cannot be affected out of the present income of the city, I would suggest the city issue bonds to cover the additional expense, provided this can be legally done, or, falling in this, its accomplishment should be brought about, even if additional taxation has to be resorted to.

In a word, we must not be behind the times in any respect, particularly as regards a matter so vital to both the city and its property-owning citizens.

A minimum of risk by exposure to fire, and economy in smaller insurance premiums will at once be an open appeal to foreign capital seeking investment, and susceptible to invitation, to locate manufacturing plants here; and it is needless to add that the manufacturing interests of any community are the greatest factor in the upbuilding of its wealth and population.

If throw out these views and sugges-

tion.

I throw out these views and suggestions to you, with the hope that you will use your earnest endeavors toward bringing about these much-needed improvements.

Yours very truly,
JOHN T. BRANCH.

Assigned to Richmond.

The Famous Council of War.

Among the numerous and varied special features of next Sunday's Times-Dispatch our Confederate Page will be one of more than usual interest. The leading article will deal with the famous council of war held at Centerville a few days after the First Battle of Manassas, This article has been prepared for us with great care by General Marcus J. Wright, Commissioner of Confederate Archives at Washington, and will contain important letters By President Davis, which have never been published. Every man who saw service in the Confederate Army and all of the younger generation who are interested in the history of our country will be in-

City of Richmond, city:

SUGGESTS

colonial style, and will cost \$25,000. It will be a permanent structure. It will front 116 feet on the water, including plazzas, which will take up fifty feet, and will be two stories and an attle in height.

The first floor will contain two large reception rooms, a large hall and corri-

MR. GOULD SEES

Absence, Richmond's Strides

Very Evident to Him.

WILL DO HIS BEST TO HELP

During his six months' absence fro

this city Mr. Gould has been touring

wife, who is not with him on this trip,

being confined to their home in New

York by indisposition. Yesterday after-

noon Mr. Gould made an inspection tour

of the Richmond-Ashland branch of hi

Sees It and is Glad of It.

Woman May Be Fatally Shot.

At Memorial Hospital.

nded by the police.

GREAT ADVANCE

commissioners' suite. There will seven bed-rooms and two bath-rooms

The buildings committee, composed of W. W. Sale, of Norfolk; Colonel C. Fenton Day, of Smithfield, and R. W. Withers, of fichmond, were ordered to proceed at once with the construction

MAKE RICHMOND

Chamber of Commerce Takes Returning After Six Months' Hold of Suggestion Made at Banquet Tuesday.

THIRTY THOUSAND NEEDED

Thinks Chesapeake Bay Road Large Sum Must Be Expended in Will Do Much to Increase Bringing Vast Advantages to City's Prosperity. Public Attention.

A meeting of the Richmond Chamber of yesterday morning from New York, and is at present stopping at the Jefferson. Comerce was held yesterday afternoon at which only one question was consid ered, and that was one that was raised at the Tuesday night banquet. It was and autoing through Europe with his the more extensive systematic advertis President E. G. Leigh called the meet

ing to order and a roll call showed the of the Richmond-Ashland branch of his new road, in an automobile with Mr. II. M. Anderson and Mr. William Northrop. Last night, at the Jefferson, he was engaged in the inspection of plans for the new road and its equipment, with Vice-President Anderson.

To-day Mr. Gould will visit Belle Isle and make an inspection of his properly there; then returning he will cover Manchester in a trolley, and lator will ride over to Fetersburg and examine the big water power plant that has lately been installed there.

He will be a busy man during his entire stay here. When called on his night at the Jefferson, Mr. Gould was optimistic in his views on the great future of Richmond.

Sees It and is Glad of It. Bryan, E. A. Saunders, H. L. Cabell, George L. Christian, John Landstreet John C. Freeman, J. H. Marcuse, J. S. Bryan, John R. Gordon, W. S. Rhodes, S. W. Travers, John M. Miller Julius Strauss, Alfred B. Williams, Leland Run-kin, Coleman Wortham, George Bryan, H. M. Habilston, Victor E. Williams, W. S. Copeland, Thomas Wheelwright and N. W. Boy

President Leigh in stating the object of the meeting, spoke in plain terms and went direct to the question in hand. The object, he said, was to raise money to advertise Richmond. He, with others, had figures on it, and he was sure that not less than \$30,000 should be raised

Other speakers among them, heavy be Cabell, J. C. Freeman, Joseph Bryan and others took the same view as President Leigh and a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to direct and promulgate plans to raise the desired amount.

President Leigh suggested that

President Loigh suggested that the meeting could do much in the way of starting the ball rolling by subscribing liberally at once. The suggestion was accepted with cheers and the sum of \$50,000 was raised within ten minutes.

Sees It and is Glad of It.

"I am glad to see such noticeable signs of your commercial progress here in Richmond," said he. "I shall do all I can to help the city on in an industrial way. But the fact is that already it has been making wonderful strides in every way. In my opinion, the little Chesapeake Bay and Richmond Rallway, which we are building, will do lots to help the city in 19 forward march to greater prosperity."

Mr. Gould took up one of the subjects dearest to his heart—that of motoring—and discoursed at some length on his various tours in Europe. He digressed to Socialism, and then to municipal ownership of enterprises of all kinds. He came out strong against municipal ownership, and concluded the talk as follows:
"Municipal ownership threatens comiliberally at once. The suggestion was accepted with cheers and the sum of \$50,000 was raised within ten minutes.

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"Municipal ownership threatens commercial enterprise, which gives a nation its strength. In order that the welfare of our nation may not be threatened. I hope as a nation we will profit by the mistakes of others and our own experiences, and not do as Great Britain in the direction of municipal ownership of the fairest fruits in an industrial way of the kingdom."

To-night Union Lodge, No. 7, will have considerable work in conferring degrees on several candidates. Union Lodge is one of the most prosperous in this juris-

Woman May Be Fatally Shot.

The negro woman, Carrie Mickens, who was shot by James Word early yesterday morning on Lincoln Avenue, on Church Hill, is in a bad way at the City Home for the colored, and it is hardly expected that she will manage to pull through. Word, who shot the woman on account of jeniousy, skipped out immediately after the crime, and has not yet been apprehended by the police. Crematory Re-opened. The city crematory, which has been closed down for repairs for litteen days, has been recopened for the receipt of all classes of garbage. Miss lithel Davis, of Lawrenceville, Va., and well known in Richmond, is at the Memorial Hospital, and will be glad to receive her friends.

Mrs. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville, is also at the Memorial Hospital, for a few days.

TRANSFER OF YARDS TO SOUTHERN ROAD

Negotiations Announced Months Ago Are Now Nearing Completion.

The negotiations for the sale of the grounds and empty buildings of the grounds and empty buildings of the grounds and empty buildings of the Trigg shippards to the Southern Railway Company are now nearing completion. The fact that such negotiations were well under way was announced in 'Inc Times-Dispatch some months ago, and there has been no grecial development since, except a gradual progress of the deal.

It has been known for many months that to all intents and purposes the Southern was the purchaser, but there had to be a great unwinding of red inpediant to be a great unwinding of red inpediant a long string of court procedure beand a long string of court procedure had to be a great unwinding of red inpediant is understood that this unwinding and it is understood that this unwinding and the south procedure have about reached the end, and the formal and legal transfer of the property will take place in a few days.

It is understood that the price paid by the Southern was \$107,500.

## NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Joseph E. Johnson Camp to At-

tend Memorial Exercises.

BRILLIANT HOME WEDDING

Miss Cheatham Becomes Bride of the Rev. Mr. Hudson-Personals and Briefs.

Manchester Dureau, Tinres-Dispatch, No. 1112 Hull Street.

Joseph E. Johnson Camp, Confederate Veterans, held a very important meeting last night and appointed a committee to draft a new set of by-laws.

The Camp voted unanimously to accept the invitation from the Hollywood Memorial Association to attend in a body the memorial exercises on May 30th. attend the unveiling of the Smith monument in Capitol Square. The unveiling exercises will be held in the afternoon in time to allow the veterans to get to Hollywood in ample time for the memo

rial exercises.

The attendance at the meeting last night was very encouraging, and the session did not adjourn until after 10 Pretty Home Wedding.

Decidedly one of the pretiest home weddings of the season was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cheatam, No. 1208 Hull Street, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when Miss Nella Maye Cheatham became the bride of the Rev. Boyd E. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Church at West Point. Va.

tor of the Methodist Church at west Point, Va.

The parlors had been artistically de-corated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink and white. An altar erected in the front parlor was banked with ferns, smilax and white and pink The bride entered with her maid of

The bride entered with per man on honor, Miss Lyda Cheatham, to the strains of Mendelssohn's march, rendered by Miss Nellie Clayton. She was gowned in a handsome creation of gray chiffon Panama and carried Bride roses. Her maid of honor was dressed in pink multiple of the corried as bequeut of

Panama and carried Bride roses. Her maid of honor was dressed in pink multi-over taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Rev. Marion K. Mears, of Richmond, was best man, and little Misses Mary Betty and Ola Walthall were the ribbon-bearers. Mr. T. P. Cheatham, father of the bride, gave her away.

The ceremony was performed by Rev.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. K. Joliffe, pastor of Central Metho-

Church. Mrs. Hudson was one of the citys most popular young ladles, and in church circles was extremly well known. She was a member of the choir of Central Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Hudson was for years pastor of Asbury Methodist Church. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for an extended trip. They will reside in West Point.

Hard at Work.

Hard at Work.

Hard at Work.

Members of the Clear Water Committee of the City Council met with the water commissioners and City Attorney Charles L. Page in the office of Mr. C. II. Sharp, superintendent of water, last night, and in an informal manner went over the plans and specifications submitted by different concerns for the crection of a filtering plant in the city. The councilmen and water commissioners are thoroughly familiarizing themselves with the different plans, and the special sub-committee is floing hard work.

The Building and Land Committee met regular session and pala all bids. Only routine business was attended to.

There was no quorum of the special committee in the city of the committee in the city of the committee is a committee of the committee will try to get together one night this week and organize for work.

Personals and Briefs.

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Monday is the last day for citizens to ay their city taxes for 1905. They will ave themselves worry by pay - before

pay their city the save themselves worry by the save themselves worry by the this time.

Mrs. Floyd Clarkson, of No. 718 Semmes Street, is suffering from blood poisoning and her condition is thought to be seri-

CHARLIE SHAW DIES.

Little Boy Who Was Severely

Burned Succumbs.

Burned Succumbs.

The death of little Charlies W. Shaw, Jr., the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shaw, 2019 1-8 East Broad Street, who was so terribly burn, ed last Tuesday, occurred yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The child set his clothing aftre by playing with matches on the back porch of his home. Mrs. Shaw heard the child's screams and with the aid of an elder son, put out the flames, but not until after almost its whole body had been blistered.

The family is in extreme penury, one of the children is an invalid and Mr. Shaw, himself has been suffering from ill health since October. He is a painter by trade. Whe unfortunath Tam'fy seem cursed with sickness and death. Mrs. Shaw was but recently confined for five weeks in the charly ward of the Memorial Hospital. At present the grief and poverty of the home is pitiful, Persons desiring to help in this case are requested to send their contributions promptly to Mr. R. A. Lancaster, Jr., of the Associated Charities.

Dr. William H. Parker took charge of the child, who died from his burns, and did everything in his power to save it, but medical science was of no avail.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made, but it is understood that interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Gibson Drawing, in Next Sunday's Times-Dispatch, is "Big Game."